

Tuesday, August 8, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1130 and 1131, and S. Res. 161. Pages S11891–92

Measures Passed:

Jefferson Davis Desk: Senate agreed to S. Res. 161, to make available to the Senator from Mississippi, during his or her term of office, the use of the desk located in the Senate Chamber and used by Senator Jefferson Davis. Page S11945

Digital Performance Right in Sound Recordings Act: Senate passed S. 227, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide an exclusive right to perform sound recordings publicly by means of digital transmissions, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S11945–67

Gorton (for Hatch/Feinstein) Amendment No. 2302, in the nature of a substitute. Page S11948

Interior Appropriations, 1996: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, agreeing to committee amendments, with certain exceptions, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S11845–88

Adopted:

(1) Gorton (for Brown) Amendment No. 2283 (to committee amendment on page 121, line 19, through page 126, line 7), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning equity regarding entrance, tourism, and recreational fees for the use of Federal lands and facilities. Pages S11863–65

(2) Gorton (for Chafee) Amendment No. 2284 (to committee amendment on page 10, lines 12 through 19, to make explicit that certain prohibitions contained in the bill regarding activities under Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act are not to extend beyond the end of fiscal year 1996. Pages S11863–65

(3) Gorton Amendment No. 2285 (to committee amendment on page 104, line 1, through page 118, line 5), to make a technical correction. Pages S11863–65

(4) Gorton Amendment No. 2286 (to committee amendment on page 80, line 5), to make a technical correction. Pages S11863–65

(5) Gorton Amendment No. 2287 (to committee amendment on page 10, lines 12 through 19), to make a technical correction. Pages S11863–65

(6) Gorton Amendment No. 2288 (to committee amendment beginning on page 54, line 20), to make a technical correction. Pages S11863–65

(7) Gorton Amendment No. 2289 (to committee amendment beginning on page 75, line 23), to prohibit the Forest Service from applying paint to rocks. Pages S11863–65

(8) Gorton/McCain/Inouye/Domenici Amendment No. 2290 (to various committee amendments), to transfer all funding from the Office of Special Trustee except for financial trust management funding to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, including funding for resources management, trust activities, resources management construction, and Indian Land and Water Claims Settlements and Miscellaneous Payments to Indians. Pages S11863–65

(9) Gorton/Domenici/Inouye/McCain Amendment No. 2291 (to committee amendment on page 35, line 11), to delete a provision pertaining to distribution of tribal shares from the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Central Office Operations and Special Programs and Pooled Overhead accounts. Pages S11863–65

(10) McCain Amendment No. 2292 (to committee amendment on page 19, lines 8–14), in the nature of a substitute. Page S11866

(11) Bumpers Amendment No. 2293 (to committee amendment on page 128, lines 16–21), to impose a moratorium on the processing of patent applications pursuant to the 1872 Mining Law. Pages S11866–77

Subsequently, the amendment as amended, was modified. Page S11877

(12) Craig/Reid/Bryan Amendment No. 2294 (to Amendment No. 2293), in the nature of a substitute. (By 46 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 373), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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(13) Gorton (for Thomas) Amendment No. 2295, to delay implementation of regulations governing the management of livestock grazing on lands administered by the Forest Service until November 21, 1995.

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(14) Gorton (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 2297, to allow the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program to enter into cooperative agreements.

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(15) Gorton/Murray Amendment No. 2298, to modify provisions relating to the Lummi Indians.

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(16) Gorton/Murray Amendment No. 2299, to provide funds for the Columbia Basin Ecosystem Project.

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(17) Gorton/Murray Amendment No. 2300, relating to funding for the AmeriCorps program.

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(18) Gorton (for McCain) Amendment No. 2301, to require certain Federal agencies to prepare and submit to Congress rankings of the proposals of such agencies for land acquisition.

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Pending:

Domenici Amendment No. 2296, to restore funding for programs within the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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During consideration of the bill today, Senate took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 372), Senate failed to table the committee amendment on page 128, lines 16-21, to strike language prohibiting funds for the processing of applications for a patent for any mining or mill site claim located under the general mining laws or to issue a patent for any such claim.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the pending amendment on Wednesday, August 9, 1995, with a vote to occur thereon.

Family Self-Sufficiency Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4, to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending and reduce welfare dependence, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

(1) Dole Modified Amendment No. 2280, of a perfecting nature.

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(2) Daschle Amendment No. 2282 (to Amendment No. 2280), in the nature of a substitute.

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Appointments:

Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 93-415, as amended by Public Law 102-586, announced the appointment of James L. Burgess, of Kansas, to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, effective July 5, 1995.

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Library of Congress Trust Fund Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 102-246, appointed Adele C. Hall, of Kansas, to a 5 year term to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Isaac C. Hunt, Jr., of Ohio, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 2000.

Norman S. Johnson, of Utah, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 1999.

Ned R. McWherter, of Tennessee, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the term expiring December 8, 2002.

Phillip A. Singerman, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—373)

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Recess: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and recessed at 10:26 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday, August 9, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S11967.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Jill L. Long, of Indiana, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Economic and Community Development, and to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

DRUG TRADE IN MEXICO

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine the growing role of international drug trafficking organizations operating in Mexico and its impact on United States and Mexican relations, receiving testimony from Robert S. Gelbard, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; David C. Jordan, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; and Andrew

A. Reding, New School for Social Research, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee continued hearings to examine issues relative to the President's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation, focusing on certain events following the death of Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster, receiving testimony from Bruce R. Lindsey, Assistant to the President and Deputy Counsel, former Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor and Director of Presidential Personnel; and Susan P. Thomases, Willkie, Farr & Gallagher, New York, New York.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held at noon on Wednesday, September 6.

Committee Meetings

WHITEWATER

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Continued hearings on the failure and resolution of Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association and related matters, including allegations concerning White Water Development Corporation and the Executive Branch's handling of the investigation of matters pertaining thereto. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the RTC: Jean Lewis, Richard Iorio and Lee Ausen, all Investigators, Kansas City.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and The District of Columbia, to hold hearings on H.R. 2108, to permit the Washington Convention Center Authority to expend revenues for the operation and maintenance of the existing Washington Convention Center and for preconstruction activities relating to a new convention center in the District of Columbia, to permit a designated authority of the District of Columbia to borrow funds for the preconstruction activities relating to a sports arena in the District of Columbia, and to permit certain revenues to be pledged as security for the borrowing of such funds, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold joint hearings with the Select Committee on Intelligence, to examine the extent of war crimes in the Balkans, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Indian Affairs, business meeting, to mark up S. 487, to establish a Federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Commission to regulate Indian gaming operations and standards, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Select Committee on Intelligence, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Foreign Relations, to examine the extent of war crimes in the Balkans, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Special Committee To Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters, to continue hearings to examine issues relative to the President's involvement with the Whitewater Development Corporation, focusing on certain events following the death of Deputy White House Counsel Vincent Foster, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to continue hearings on the failure and resolution of Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association and related matters, including allegations concerning White Water Development Corporation and the Executive Branch's handling of the investigation of matters pertaining thereto, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Wednesday, August 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Wednesday, September 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1977, Interior Appropriations, 1996.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Legislative program will be announced later.



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